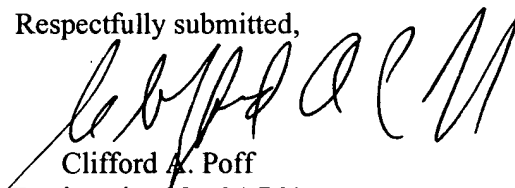


Remarks

The amendment to the specification is requested to improve the clarity and thereby place the application in better condition for examination. It is axiomatic that the seating of the mandrel 82 in load bearing contact with the interior of the blank will not produce an increase to the uniform wall thickness when the tubular blank is thereafter draw through the die. The statement has therefore been deleted from the specification as wholly unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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